

fee required for the extension, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1-3, 6-8, 11, 13, 16, 17, 18, 20, 23 and 24 as follows:

1. (Amended) A communication apparatus capable of executing plural kinds of communication protocols, comprising:

a first data modem;

a second data modem;

a first protocol modem;

a second protocol modem, wherein the communication protocols include a first communication protocol for setting an operation mode of said first data modem to communicate image data by using said first protocol modem to communicate protocol signals, the communication protocols further including a second communication protocol for setting said

second data modem to communicate image data by using said second protocol modem to communicate protocol signals;

first detection means for detecting a call signal;

second detection means for detecting ID information for identifying a [partner] communication apparatus at a calling station sent between call signals;

memory means for storing information of a communication system of the [partner] communication apparatus at the calling station in association with the ID information of the [partner] communication apparatus at the calling station; and

means for reading the information of the communication system of the [partner] communication apparatus at the calling station from said memory means in accordance with the ID information of the [partner] communication apparatus at the calling station detected by said second detection means at the time of the detection of the call signal, and selecting one of the first and second communication protocols to be executed in accordance with the read information of the communication system.

2. (Amended) A communication apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising:

means for registering the ID information of the [partner] communication apparatus at the calling station and the information of the communication system to said memory means in accordance with the executed communication protocol.

3. (Amended) A communication apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein the ID information for identifying the [partner] communication apparatus at the calling station is telephone number information, and said registration means stores the information of the communication system to said memory means when calling is selected for the telephone number information having the information of the communication system of the [partner] communication apparatus at the calling station stored therein in association with the telephone number information between call signals.

6. (Amended) A communication method capable of executing plural kinds of communication protocols, wherein the communication protocols include a first communication

protocol for setting an operation mode of a first data modem to communicate image data by using a first protocol modem to communicate protocol signals, the communication protocols further including a second communication protocol for setting a second data modem to communicate image data by using a second protocol modem to communicate protocol signals, said method comprising:

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a first detection step of detecting a call signal;
a second detection step of detecting ID information for identifying a [partner] communication apparatus at a calling station sent between call signals;
a memory step of storing in a memory information of a communication system of the [partner] communication apparatus at the calling station in association with the ID information of the communication apparatus at the calling station;
a step of reading the information of the communication system for detected information of the [partner] communication apparatus at the calling station from said memory in accordance with the ID information of the [partner] communication apparatus at the calling station

detected by said second detection step at the time of the detection of the call signal, and selecting one of the first and second communication protocols to be executed in accordance with the read information of the communication system.

7. (Amended) A communication method according to Claim 6, further comprising:

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a step of registering the ID information of the [partner] communication apparatus at the calling station and the information of the communication system to said memory in accordance with the executed communication protocol.

8. (Amended) A communication method according to Claim 7, wherein the ID information for identifying the [partner] communication apparatus at the calling station is telephone number information, and said step of registering stores the information of the communication system to said memory when calling is selected for the telephone number information having the information of the communication system of the [partner] communication apparatus at the

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calling station stored therein in association with the telephone number information between call signals.

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11. (Amended) A communication apparatus [having a plurality of modems for] capable of executing plural types of communication protocols for image communication, said apparatus comprising:

 detection means for detecting reception of a call signal;

 receiving means for receiving ID information for identifying a [partner] communication apparatus at a calling station [transmitted at a time of reception of the call signal] before a start of communication of a protocol signal relating to image communication;

 selection means for selecting, on the basis of ID information that is received by said receiving means after said detection means detects reception of the call signal, at least one of the plurality of [modems] communication protocols; and

 communication means for conducting communication with the [partner] communication apparatus at the calling

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station [using a protocol corresponding to] in accordance
with the at least one [modem] communication protocol selected
by said selecting means.

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13. (Amended) A communication apparatus according
to Claim 11, further comprising memory means for storing, in
association with each of plural registered ID information
respectively identifying one of a plurality of [partner
stations] communication apparatuses at the calling station, a
communication protocol which the respective [partner]
communication apparatuses at the calling station can utilize,
wherein said selection means selects the at least one [modem]
communication protocol on the basis of the ID information
received by said receiving means and the registered ID
information stored in said memory means.

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16. (Amended) A communication apparatus according
to Claim 14, further comprising count means for counting a
number of communications performed by said communication
apparatus to each [partner] communication apparatus at the
calling station corresponding to the respective registered ID

information stored in said memory means, wherein said update means updates the respective communication protocol for each [partner] communication apparatus when said count means has counted a predetermined number of communications for that [partner] communication apparatus at the calling station.

17. (Amended) A communication apparatus according to Claim 11, wherein the ID information received by said receiving means is a telephone number of the [partner] communication apparatus at the calling station.

18. (Amended) A control method for controlling a communication apparatus [having a plurality of modems for] capable of executing plural types of communication protocols for image communication, said method comprising the steps of:

detecting reception of a call signal;
receiving ID information for identifying a [partner] communication apparatus at a calling station [transmitted at a time of reception of the call signal] before a start of communication of a protocol signal relating to the image communication;

selecting, on the basis of ID information that is received at said receiving step after said detecting step detects reception of the call signal, at least one of the plurality of [modems] communication protocols; and

communicating with the [partner] communication apparatus at the calling station [using a protocol corresponding to] in accordance with the at least one [modem] communication protocol selected at said selecting step.

20. (Amended) A method according to Claim 18,
further comprising a step of storing in a memory, in association with each of plural registered ID information respectively identifying one of a plurality of [partner stations] communication apparatuses at the calling station, a communication protocol which the respective [partner] communication apparatuses at the calling station can utilize, wherein said selection step selects the at least one [modem] communication protocol on the basis of the ID information received in said receiving step and the registered ID information stored in the memory.